AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (canceled).

6.   (currently amended): A communication terminal, comprising:

a communication circuit that transmits information to an information center and that receives information from the information center, wherein the information center is remote from the communication terminal; and

a controller that, in response to a predetermined event, instructs the communication circuit to begin to establish a communication line with the information center to create a communication session between the communication terminal and the information center,

wherein the predetermined event occurs before a user instructs the controller to instruct the communication circuit to transmit initial data to the information center, and

wherein the communication ~~unit~~ circuit transmits the initial data to the information center

before the communication ~~unit~~ circuit transmits any other data to the information center in

response to a user instruction during the communication session.

7.   (previously presented): The communication terminal as claimed in claim 6,

further comprising:

a display, wherein the predetermined event comprises displaying a predetermined screen

on the display.

8.   (previously presented): The communication terminal as claimed in claim 6,

further comprising:

an user input unit, wherein the predetermined event comprises the user inputting a

predetermined command via the user input unit.

9.   (previously presented): The communication terminal as claimed in claim 6,

further comprising:

an key input unit, wherein the predetermined event comprises the user activating a

predetermined button on the key input unit.

10.   (previously presented): The communication terminal as claimed in claim 6,

wherein the initial data comprises a request that requests information from the information

center.

11.   (new): A communication method, comprising:

transmitting information to a remote information center;

receiving information from the information center; and

in response to a predetermined event, begin establishing a communication line with the

information center to create a communication session with the information center,

wherein the predetermined event occurs before a user instruction to transmit initial data

to the information center, and

transmitting the initial data to the information center before transmitting any other data to

the information center in response to a user instruction during the communication session.

12.   (new): A software program contained in a computer-readable medium that

instructs a computer to perform a routine, comprising:

transmitting information to a remote information center;

receiving information from the information center; and

in response to a predetermined event, begin establishing a communication line with the

information center to create a communication session with the information center,

wherein the predetermined event occurs before a user instruction to transmit initial data

to the information center, and

transmitting the initial data to the information center before transmitting any other data to

the information center in response to a user instruction during the communication session.